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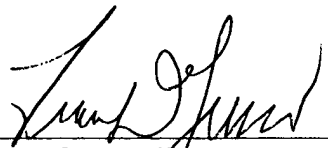
In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions among Groups 1-128.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute initially the invention of Group 7, namely Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10-13, 18 and 19, drawn to DNA related to IgA nephropathy as set forth in SEQ ID NO:7.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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